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1. FROM THEIR ASYLUM IN PARAGUAY, DEPORTED ECUADOREAN POLITICIANS FRANCISCO ACOSTA YEPEZ AND JOSE VICENTE ORTUNO HAVE ACCUSED THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR OF BEING COMMUNIST INFILTRATED AND GUIDED. THIS LINE OF ATTACK WAS FOLLOWED UP ON OCTOBER 22 IN A STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, A GUAYAQUIL BRANCH OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY.

2. THE COMMITTEE STATEMENT SAYS, IN PART, "AT THE RISK OF LOSING OUR LIBERTY, WE DENOUNCE THE RELATIONSHIP THAT THE DICTATORSHIP MAINTAINS WITH COMMUNISM." THE DECLARATION STATES THAT COMMUNIST TIES TO THIS GOVERNMENT HAVE GROWN AND THAT THE SECURITY OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THE DEMOCRATIC SURVIVAL OF THE COUNTRY ARE ENDANGERED. THE COMMITTEE STATEMENT CITED THE CASES OF GOE OFFICIALS RECEIVING TRAINING IN THE USSR AND SAID THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS COUNSELING THE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO CREATE A SOCIALIST CONFIDENTIAL

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3. THE COMMUNIST PARTY, MEANWHILE, PUBLISHED A DECLARATION ON OCTOBER 21 SUPPORTING THE GOE'S ACTION IN DEPORTING THOSE INVOLVED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1 COUP ATTEMPT. THE PARTY SAYS THAT THE GOE DEPORTATION "SIGNIFIES THE BEGINNING OF THE RECTIFICATION OF WEAKNESSES IN THE FACE OF IMPERIALIST AND OLIGARCHIC AGGRESSION." THE DECLARATION ALSO REPEATED EARLIER CHARGES THAT COUP LEADER GENERAL GONZALEZ IS A FASCIST. EXPRESSING OPTIMISM, THE PARTY DECLARED THAT THE GOE INITIATIVE AGAINST THOSE INVOLVED IN THE COUP "SIGNIFIES THE TAKING BY THE ARMED FORCES OF AN ANTI-FASCIST POSITION WHICH WE APPLAUD, AND WE HOPE THAT THIS IS CONSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED IN THE FUTURE CONDUCT OF NATIONAL POLICY."

4. THE GOE HAS ANSWERED THESE CHARGES IN A STATEMENT BY GEN. BOLIVAR LOPEZ, SECRETARY GENERAL OF ADMINISTRATION. LOPEZ FLATLY DENIED THAT THERE ARE COMMUNIST ADVISORS IN THE GOE AND ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING ITS DENIAL BECAUSE OF ITS OBLIGATION TO THE PUBLIC AND BECAUSE THE ACCUSATIONS HAD RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION, HAVING BEEN ORIGINATED BY ACOSTA AND ORTUÑO IN PARAGUAY.

5. COMMENT: THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S STRONGLY WORDED DECLARATION SUPPORTING THE DEPORTATION DECISION CONSTITUTES ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE PARTY IS CONTINUING ITS BASIC POLICY OF SUPPORTING THE RODRIGUEZ LARA GOVERNMENT NOTWITHSTANDING ITS SLIGHT TURN TO THE ECONOMIC RIGHT.  
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